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GREEN SIGNAL

BMRCL sets target to begin metro rail services between Nagasandra and Madavara on Green Line by month-end

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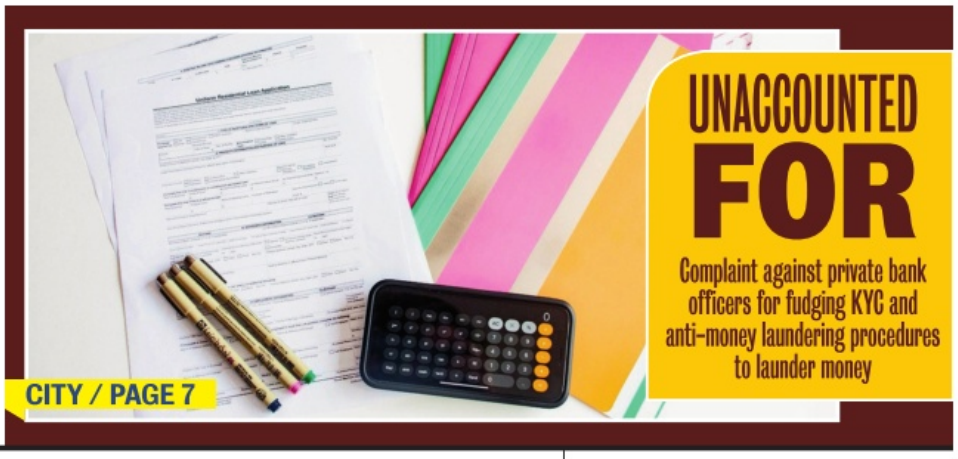

UNACCOUNTED FOR

Complaint against private bank officers for fudging KYC and anti-money laundering procedures to launder money

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Pavers missing, debris strewn around, unused cabin plonked in the middle — this is state of footpath stretch near Kasturba Road just metres away from BBMP head office

HOP, SKIP & JUMP AWAY

Road was white-topped, footpaths developed 8 years ago at Rs 240 lakh

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The stretch of Kasturba Road between Siddalingaiah Circle and Hudson Circle was white-topped eight years ago at an estimated cost of Rs 240 lakh. But the road is currently crying out for immediate attention of the authorities. The stretch is just a few 100 metres away from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Head Office. But the footpaths on both sides of the stretch and the bus shelters shows that the BBMP officials do not look around even their own backyard to understand and fix civic issues.

If you enter the stretch from Hudson Circle and walk on the footpath towards Siddalingaiah Circle, you will be greeted by a heap of debris lying on the footpath. If you proceed further, there is a danger that you may trip and fall due to the uneven surface of the footpath. One can find pavers missing on the footpath of the stretch along Karaga pond towards the entrance of Kanteerava Indoor Stadium. There is no fence between the footpath and the vacant space along Karaga pond.

There is an unused cabin, which looks like a Suvidha Cabin meant

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"It is better to remove it (cabin) from this footpath and install it wherever it is needed. The footpath condition is too bad. I do not know why the BBMP authorities are neglecting this footpath — Suneel S, a pedestrian

DEAD WOOD

227 complaints of uprooted trees, fallen branches in two days of rain

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In just two days of rain, hundreds of trees and branches in Bengaluru have come tumbling down.

According to data provided by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), 227 complaints of uprooted trees and fallen branches were registered on October 15 and 16 alone, from eight city zones.

The highest number of complaints about fallen trees and branches was 64 from Bengaluru South zone, followed by Bengaluru East zone (47), and Bommanahalli (35).

Out of the total 227 cases, 91 were of fallen trees, and 136 were of broken branches.

The majority of the avenue trees in the city have no breathing space and are concretised up to their trunks, leaving no space for water

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3 THINGS TO DO

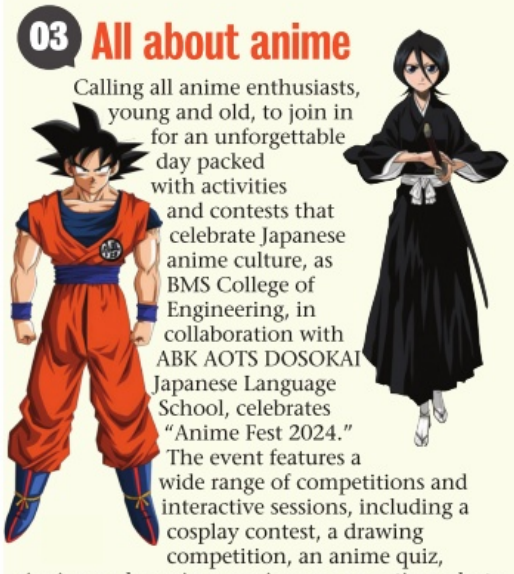
01 Broad investigation

Watch 'Taking Sides,' a play directed by Atul Kumar. Set in post-World War II Germany, the play, on the surface, is about the investigation of a world-famous music conductor of that time, Wilhelm Furtwangler. It takes on larger discussions and motifs throughout spanning music, art, culture, life, politics, morality, ethics, and more. **When: October 18, 7:30 pm**
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar

02 Contemporary dance

Witness Surendra Tekale's two of the latest contemporary dance performances, "Lost in Oscillation" and "Metamorphosis." Lost in Oscillation delves deep into the intricate rhythms of human emotions, inviting the audience on a journey of self-discovery. In addition, Metamorphosis presents a transformative exploration of change. This duo performance reflects on how our bodies, senses, and emotions react when going through the process of transformation—whether it's the creation of new patterns or the destruction and recreation of old ones. **Where: Courtyard Koota, Kengeri**
When: October 19, 6:30 pm

03 All about anime



Calling all anime enthusiasts, young and old, to join in for an unforgettable day packed with activities and contests that celebrate Japanese anime culture, as BMS College of Engineering, in collaboration with ABK AOTS DOSOKAI Japanese Language School, celebrates "Anime Fest 2024." The event features a wide range of competitions and interactive sessions, including a cosplay contest, a drawing competition, an anime quiz, singing and movie screening, mono acting, photo booth stunts, and more. **Where: BMS College of Engineering; When: October 20, 9 am to 7 pm**

More showers expected

Yellow alert issued for Sunday and Monday; city is forecast to have cloudy sky with light to moderate rain or thundershowers; rainfall may ease after October 23

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'With the latest downpours, Bengaluru's observatory has recorded 148.6mm of rain from October 1 to 16, which is expected to surpass the monthly average of 168.3 mm soon'

Although Thursday brought some relief to the city with brief periods of clear skies, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted more rainfall in the coming days. Notably, a yellow alert has been issued for Sunday & Monday (October 20 and 21).

Observing the latest indications of weather, N Puviarasan, a scientist from IMD Bengaluru, said that isolated heavy rain and thundershowers are likely in districts such as Ballari, Vijayanagara, Chikkaballapur, Tumkur, Kolar, and Davangere in South Interior Karnataka. "Bengaluru is forecast to have a generally cloudy sky with light to moderate rain or thundershowers. The maximum and minimum temperatures are expected to hover around 25°C and 20°C, respectively. Additionally, light to moderate rain is expected across most parts of Coastal Karnataka, as well as in the remaining districts of South Interior Karnataka. The Northern Interior Karnataka will also likely experience light to moderate rain and thundershowers in several areas," he said.

Meanwhile, a Skymet report announced that the Northeast Monsoon has arrived with significant force this season. While its official onset was declared on Tuesday, favourable conditions had already been in place earlier. However, the continuation of the southwest monsoon delayed its official arrival over Southeast Peninsular India, as both cannot coexist over the country simultaneously. "Bengaluru has been experiencing light rainfall for the past week, with moderate showers on Monday, intensifying on Tuesday. Some areas of the city faced severe flooding, turning roads into streams, though the situation has now improved. However, more rain is expected," the Skymet report said.

Changes in weather

The report also noted that the city experienced low rainfall in September, which is typically the rainiest month. However, October is likely to make up for the deficit, at least partially. "With the latest downpours, Bengaluru's observatory has recorded 148.6mm of rain from October 1 to 16, which is expected to surpass the monthly average of 168.3mm soon. Intermittent, moderate showers will continue for the next week, with occasional heavy downpours likely between Friday and Monday (Oct 21). Both the intensity and spread of these rains could have a significant impact on the city. The weather may change from October 23," the Skymet report said.

After effects of rain

Meanwhile, on Thursday, some residents were seen catching fish at Kendriya Vihar as waterlogging persisted in a few areas. A Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official explained, "Over 180 houses in Saibaba Layout and Vaddarapalya, located in the Horamavu sub-division of Mahadevapura Zone, have been impacted due to heavy rain. The rainwater in the stormwater drain caused a backflow, leading to waterlogging in the layout."

The BBMP officials have been working on-site for the past two days to clear the water. So far, five out of the nine roads in the layout have been fully cleared,

> **"Intermittent, moderate showers will continue for next week; occasional heavy downpours likely between Oct 18 and Oct 21** – Skymet report

and water is being pumped out from the remaining four with the help of the fire department and BBMP pumps. "The area should be fully cleared by Friday. We have arranged drinking water, snacks, and meals for the affected residents, and hotel accommodations for those whose homes have been flooded. The stagnant water at Kendriya Vihar Apartments was cleared by 2 pm. A survey is underway to assess waterlogged houses in Fatima Layout and other areas, and compensation will be given to eligible residents."

2 wheels, 1 goal: Pedal towards greener Bengaluru

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With an aim to turn daily commutes into climate-positive actions, Bengalureans have embraced sustainability with the Altmo Challenge, a 90-day cycling competition organised by Pedaluru. The challenge, which kicked off on Monday, encouraged companies across the city to participate, with each ride to and from work contributing to a collective effort to reduce the city's carbon footprint.

Bengaluru's Bicycle Mayor Sathya Sankaran said that Pedaluru is a campaign to build a sustainable mobility culture around cycling in India. "Starting in Bengaluru, it aims to get more corporates to support a cycle-to-work culture amongst their employees so they can improve their health and increase their productivity. Pedaluru is restarting the cycle to work challenge in association with the commute tracking platform 'Altmo.app' which stopped due to the pandemic. This is a cycle-to-work challenge for companies across Bengaluru. After 90 days, we will be providing awards for some categories," he said.

The competition uses the Altmo platform to track and log rides, allowing participants to monitor real-time data on carbon dioxide (CO_2) offset, fuel and money saved. So far, 34 riders have logged 27 rides, covering a distance of 178 km. This

has resulted in a CO_2 offset of 44.62 kg, a fuel saving of 19.28 litres, and nearly Rs 2,000 saved in commuting costs. Participants are allowed to log up to three rides per day, with each ride to and from work counted towards their company's total. Companies can earn additional points by having more employees join the challenge, and consistency in cycling is rewarded to encourage long-term change.

Expressing their views on the city's potential for cycling, a cyclist said, "Bengaluru is a perfect place for cycling based on its climate. However, the city's traffic makes it difficult to cycle. Initiatives like this one inspire others to start cycling, and together, we can make a change."

Stating the need for better infrastructure, another participant said, "There's a lack of infrastructure for cyclists in the city, but with the help of mobility experts, changes are coming. Small steps like cycling to work or even nearby stores can make a difference. This three-month challenge will help individuals form a habit that could last beyond the competition."

Mental health, discrimination: Colleges, universities asked to set up policies

HC stresses on need to prevent serious, harmful effect on students

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The Karnataka High Court has advised all universities and colleges, whether private or government-run, to develop and implement mental health and anti-discrimination policies. The court is of the opinion that these policies are necessary to address and prevent the serious and harmful effects that sensitive issues can have on students' lives.

The court's decision came in response to a petition filed by a former student of Azim Premji University, who sought a directive for the University to establish appropriate guidelines for on-campus mental healthcare counseling and to implement the campus policy for transgender persons under the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj, in a single judge bench, commended Azim Premji University for their efforts in creating and implementing such policies, stating, "This action would also be required to be emulated by all other Universities and Colleges private or government, so as to prevent and address the serious and deleterious effects these sensitive issues may have on the lives of students, many a time resulting in suicides and other socially abnormal behaviour which impacts not only students, and their immediate family, but also the community as a whole, including the teacher and student community thus requiring to be handled with the care and sensitivity that it deserves."

The Mental Health Policy developed and implemented by Azim Premji University applies to all students enrolled in credited programmes at the University, including those who self-identify as LGBTQ+ and students with disabilities.

The court observed that neither the Central or State governments, nor the relevant universities or the University Grants Commission (UGC), had developed any policies addressing these issues. The court further suggested, "It would also be required for authorities concerned to take cognisance of the policy now formulated by Respondent Nos.1 to 3 (Azim Premji University) and to improve upon the same, for example inculcating the interests and mental health concerns of differently abled students, etc and make it mandatory for all universities and colleges to have similar policies, if not formulated by themselves individually, at least by applying the policy formulated by the concerned organisation/ authority uniformly across all educational institutions."

> **"Neither the Central or State governments, nor universities or the UGC had any policies addressing these issues**

The court then instructed the National Council For Transgender Persons and the Union of India, through the Social Justice Department, to prioritise this critical issue and develop and implement the necessary policies.

IN BRIEF

4-year-old disabled child found alone in train coach

A disabled girl, approximately four years old, was found alone in the S-7 coach of the Danapur train at SMVB Railway Station, Byappanahalli, on Wednesday around 10.30 pm.

The Government Railway Police (GRP) were alerted about the situation around 11.30 pm and they promptly responded. Suspecting that the child had been abandoned, the authorities rescued her and handed her over to BOSCO Child Welfare Committee in Chamarajpet for temporary care until her parents are located. —BMB

2 pvt firm employees killed in accident in Hebbal

Two private firm employees were killed in a self-accident at Devi Nagar bus stop in Hebbal in the early hours of Thursday.

The deceased have been identified as Rajesh Kumar (27) resident of Nagarabhavi and his relative Nagaraju (30) from Doddabommasandra. Police said, they were returning home late at night, speeding on the electric scooter and lost control, resulting in the vehicle crashing into the median. The riders fell on the road and sustained severe head injuries as they were not wearing helmets. They were rushed to a hospital but were declared dead. —BMB

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Sustainable foods you can dig into regularly

The global food system has a significant role to play in the way it affects climate change and the environment. Going sustainable can reduce these pressures. Sustainable foods are those that are produced without using hazardous chemicals and pesticides so that they do not deplete the water resources or leave a huge carbon footprint; and are focused on maintaining the nutritional value with environment-friendly methods of farming and supply.

We bring you our list of foods that are sustainable and can be easily included in your diet.

Organic Vegetables

Whenever you shop for vegetables, always look for a local or an organic alternative. Organically grown vegetables are easy or low on pesticides or chemicals that are used to cultivate them. The more organic the farmer goes, the better for the ecosystem. Almost all vegetables are available in organic variants.

Legumes

Synthetic nitrogen fertilisers support half the world's food production in an attempt to grow crops more quickly. This practice pollutes air and water, and depletes soil nutrients among other harmful effects. Growing lentils and switching to organic farming of these crops require less nitrogen as they make their own nitrogen.

Local Fish

Overfishing is a huge menace that the world is currently facing. Fish farming produces tonnes of fish waste, food spilling out from the nets into the ocean, which can then be a cause of oxygen depletion in water. Additionally, fish pesticides and antibiotics settle on the ocean beds that harm the biodiversity. With all these threats hovering with the current scenario of overfishing to meet the demands, look for local fisheries and preferably opt for seasonal fish, the origins of which you can trace back. There are some fish farms that are moving to land-based aquaculture in a bid to turn more eco-friendly and still cater to higher demands of fresh fish.

Grasses

Wheat, barley and buckwheat are some grasses that use less water and are also drought-resistant which means they can survive without regular supply of water. This can bring down the environment by saving water. Oats and rice are also among these and can be easily included in your daily diet without noticing a significant change. —Femina

Extended Green Line Metro inauguration date sought

BMRCL has set a target to begin metro rail services between Nagasandra and Madavara on the Green Line by the end of this month

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BMRCL has set a target to begin metro rail services between Nagasandra and Madavara on the Green Line by the end of this month. In preparation for this, the corporation has written to the Urban Development Department to confirm the date of the launch. Sources said that all construction work is complete, and all tests have been successfully conducted. The Railway Safety Commissioner inspected the line on August 3 and approved commercial operations on August 4. BMRCL is now awaiting a confirmed date for the inauguration.

The extended section of the Green Line includes a 3.7-kilometre route, featuring stations at Manjunath Nagar, Chikkabidarakallu, and Madavara. Once services commence on this route, it is anticipated that the number of metro passengers will increase by approximately 6,500 daily, totaling around 200,000 per month. BMRCL officials indicated that not only residents around Anjanapura and Jindal Nagar, but also commuters from Nelamangala will likely arrive by bus or private vehicles to Madavara and then continue their journey via metro.

BMRCL has communicated with the Urban Development Department regarding the launch date, and the discussions with the central government are ongoing to finalise it. Since existing trains will operate on the extended route, passengers will not have to wait for new trains. Officials expressed confidence that services will commence as soon as state government approval is received, with metro rail operations expected to begin on the extended route by the end of October.

Parking woes on Yellow Line

Bengaluru is preparing to launch traffic on the Yellow Line by January next year, which spans 18.8 kilometres and includes 16 stations. However, parking at three interchange stations along this route is likely to become a significant challenge. The BMRCL is developing interchange stations to accommodate the Yellow Line, which connects RV Road to Bommasandra. Key interchange stations include RV Road on the Green Line, the Jayadeva station on the Pink Line (connecting Kalena Agrahara to Nagavara), and the Silk Institute station on the Blue Line (linking Silk Institute to KR Puram and the International Airport).

According to the Detailed Project Report (DPR), it is estimated that around 400,000 people will travel daily on this interchange route. By 2021, about 100,000 passengers are expected to arrive and depart from the RV Road interchange station alone, making it the first interchange station available for public use on the Green Line. However, there is currently insufficient parking space at this station, and the situation is likely to worsen as traffic increases. At the Jayadeva station, around 82,000 passengers and approximately 23,500 at the Silk Board station are projected to use these facilities. During peak hours on the Yellow Line, an estimated 18,000 passengers may travel each hour. Additionally, the Pink Line is expected to commence operations by the end of next year, while the Blue Line is anticipated to begin by the end of 2026. With the introduction of these two lines, the number of metro passengers is expected to rise significantly.

The DPR survey reveals that 26% of passengers will rely on two-wheelers, 12% on cars, 13% on auto-rickshaws, and 49% on public transport along the Yellow Line. Due to traffic congestion and the need to reach offices or homes on time, more people are likely to opt for metro travel. This route will serve many IT companies, resulting in a higher frequency of cab services, as well as increased usage of two-wheelers and cars. Currently, some companies have adopted work-from-home or hybrid work models, which has slightly alleviated traffic issues. With the commencement of metro services, employees may be required to return to their offices, exacerbating parking problems.

First trial rolling stock test on the R-3C line of Metro train between Nagawara & Madawara (BIEC)

Open BIEC Metro immediately: Tejasvi Surya

Bengaluru South Member of Parliament, Tejasvi Surya has written to Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, urging the immediate opening of Nagasandra-Madavara Green Line metro extension (BIEC Metro). "The 3.14 kilometre stretch, which includes three stations at Manjunath Nagar, Chikkabidarakallu and Madavara, will increase Bengaluru Metro network to 77 km and also alleviate congestion on the busy Tumakuru Road Highway. Considering the above, I request you to accord your approval for the opening of the line at the earliest for the benefit of the public," the letter read.

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Unending construction

Old Madras Road

The construction of the flyover on Old Madras Road, near Hoskote Toll, has been ongoing for over a year with frustratingly slow progress. The lack of activity on the site for months has led to severe traffic disruptions and safety concerns.

Risky pavements

Thubarahalli

The pavements in Thubarahalli are in a state of disrepair, endangering pedestrians using the pavements.

IN THE COURT OF THE IInd ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
CRL. Mis. No. 267/2024
Between: Geethanali ... Petitioner
:: AND ::
The Thasildar & Another ... Respondents

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioners above named has presented petition before this Hon'ble Court under section 13(3) of Registration of Birth and Deaths Act 1969 of order direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of death of petitioner's Brother by name Late Somashekar S/o Late Bylayellappa was died on 18/10/2022 at Jayanagara, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. The Hon'ble Court has fixed **on 7/11/2024** for hearing of the petitioners and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble Court in person of by pleader duly instructed at 11.00 a.m failing which the said application will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this day 1st day of October 2024.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Court of the IInd Addl. Civil Judge and JMFC at Nelamangala

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Notice to BBMP, KSPCB over sewage discharge

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The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has served various government agencies with notices over sewage discharge around Madiwala Lake. The green court has filed a suo motu case and has sent notices to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Karnataka Biodiversity Authority, Karnataka Wetland Authority, and District Magistrate of Bengaluru for negligence. This is after KSPCB directed BBMP to divert sewage flow from getting into a storm-water drain (SWD) attached to Vakil Marina, a housing society in Kodichikkanahalli near Madiwala Lake.

The state pollution control board had issued the direction following a complaint by residents of the locality. Responding to the complaints filed by residents of the area, the KSPCB directed the BBMP to take immediate action by diverting sewage flow in Kodichikkanahalli, into the underground drainage system by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB). Notably, residents complained about unbearable stench and issues of snakes, insects, and termites due to sewage flowing through an SWD attached to their area. They also alleged that the sewage flow has been contaminating local water bodies and creating unhygienic conditions, posing risks to public health and the environment. "It raises substantial issues relating to compliance with the environmental norms. Madiwala Lake has been declared a biodiversity hotspot and a bird conservation reserve. The State Government has also sanctioned an amount of 25 crores for ecological development around the lake. Hence, the discharge of sewage near the lake hampers the biodiversity of the region severely," noted the principal bench of NGT.

BBMP Officials closed the sidewall of Madiwala lake preventing sewage inflow into the lake, which was ongoing for four days polluting the lake

The Bench issued notice to the Respondents and listed the matter on 15 January 2025. Madiwala Lake was transferred to BBMP from the Karnataka Forest Department in November 2023 and the water body has been in news since then for the wrong reasons. The lake has been receiving untreated sewage from its surrounding and the civic agency has not been able to arrest it. However, it has recently floated a tender and invited bidders to take up development work for the lake at an estimated cost of Rs 15 crore.

Urgent call to put brake on 'reckless speeding' on roads

Residents of SK Garden demand authorities install speed breakers, repair footpaths & conduct regular patrolling

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Residents of SK Garden in Benson Town are raising serious concerns about reckless driving by youngsters on roads. After a senior citizen was recently hit by speeding two-wheeler riders, locals are now demanding immediate action from authorities to prevent such accidents in the future.

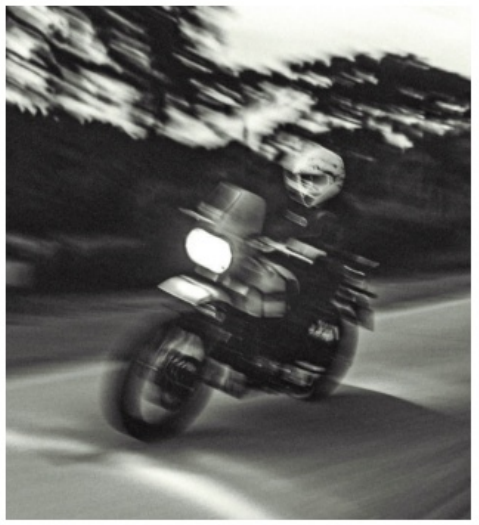
Rash riding and driving/riding under the influence are common among the youth in the area, said the residents, who have long been asking for speed breakers to be installed along the stretch. Despite multiple complaints, nothing has been done so far to address the issue. "We've been asking for speed breakers for years, but no one seems to listen. These youngsters drive so fast, especially late at night. It's dangerous for everyone, especially the elderly and children," said a resident of SK Garden.

The recent accident has only heightened concerns among the community. Another resident said that it's not the first time something like this has happened. "People are afraid to walk on the road, and we don't have proper footpaths to feel safe. The authorities need to act before someone loses their life."

The condition of the footpaths on this stretch is also a major problem. "The sidewalks are in poor shape, forcing pedestrians to walk on the road, making them more vulnerable to accidents. The footpaths are broken and full of obstacles. We don't even have a proper place to walk," the resident added.

Apart from speed breakers, locals are asking for regular police patrols to curb rash driving and ensure the safety of everyone in the area. "There should be regular patrolling to keep an eye on these bikers. It's about time they do something," added a resident.

Vinod Jacob from Namma Bengaluru Foundation noted the need for better planning in road design. "Many intersections and main roads have become dangerous for pedestrians. It is seen that in most junctions and intersections, pedestrian crossings are unmarked or have not been repainted. There is also a need for speed breakers, rumblers, or humps to slow down and calm the traffic. Children and senior citizens are the most affected since they need more time to cross roads," he said.



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>
> – A resident of SK Garden

IN CITY

Motorist busted for number plate tampering

A 25-year-old motorist on Thursday was caught attempting to evade traffic fines by tampering with his vehicle's number plate. The traffic police stopped Naveen Bin Tamme Gowda, the rider of a Honda Dio two-wheeler, at around 12 pm in the jurisdiction of Kumaraswamy Layout Traffic Police Station, Gowdanapalya Circle, Uttarahalli Main Road.

Upon inspection, police found that Gowda had cleverly covered the last digit of his vehicle's number plate with a bandage (handy plaster) to avoid being fined for previous violations. The police immediately issued a Fine Ticket Violation Receipt (FTVR) and registered a case under Mo No 408/2024, Clause-318(4) of the Bengaluru Traffic Norms (BNS) at Subramanyapura police station. An investigation has been initiated against Gowda, and he could face serious consequences for tampering with his vehicle's number plate. –BMB

Murder-suicide over domestic dispute

A man struck his wife and her male friend to death and later ended his own life at an under-construction house in the early hours of Thursday in Konanakunte police station limits.

Pulusu Golla Babu (41) identified as the accused and the deceased, killed his wife Pulusu Lakshmi (33) and Ganesh Kumar (20) after suspecting her of an affair with Kumar and caught them red-handed. All three were from Andhra Pradesh and were working as daily wage labourers at an under-construction house in Someshwara Layout for the last two months. After the crime, the accused called his sister and informed her about the murder and told her that he would too, end his life. Upon all three workers not receiving their calls, the contractor came near the site and then informed the police of the crime. The Konanakunte police have registered a case of murder and suicide for further investigations. –BMB

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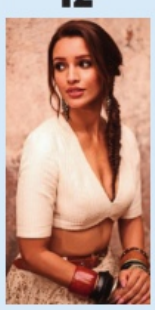
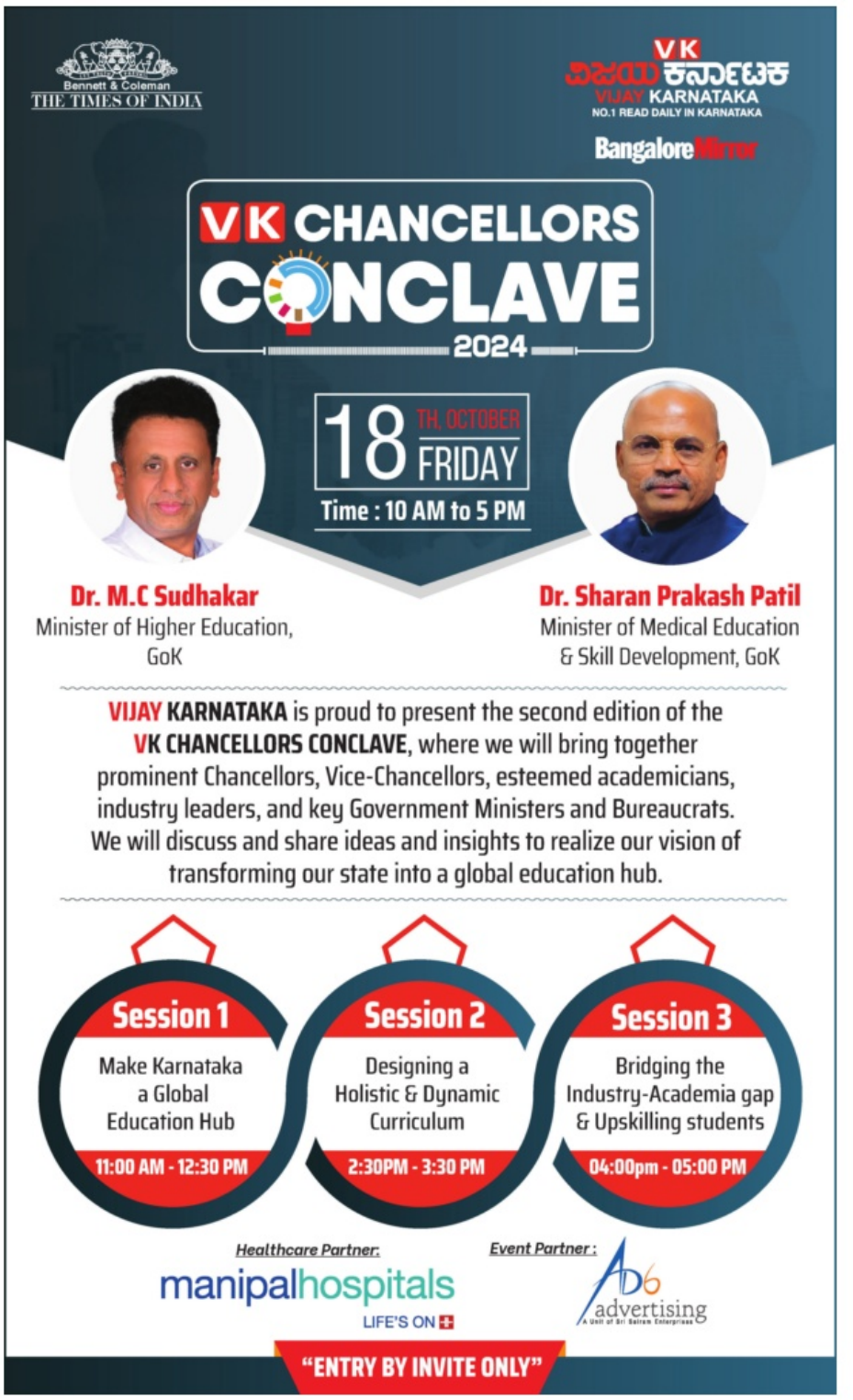


STYLE, YOU CAN'T FAKE: Tripti says fashion is all about self-expression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Clean and dry amidst floods

The under-flyover area, LTTS Wild Arena, near Manyata Tech Park remained dry during heavy rains and offered safe refuge as well

The under flyover area at Veerannapalya on Outer Ring Road; (Inset) Manyata tech park flooded and landslide at under-construction site

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Amidst all the flooding and landslide reports emanating from the area near Manyata Tech Park, there was a surprising piece of news. The flyover at Veerannapalya on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) remained dry and clean and provided safe refuge to all those escaping the rains.

This under-flyover area, India's first wildlife-themed arena - called the LTTS Wild Arena, has been a clean, safe, and well-managed public space since 2019 - as part of a partnership between the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and L&T Technology Services, executed and maintained by India Rising Trust.

The customised installations showcasing Karnataka wildlife - elephants, lions, and gaur - presented a serene, calm, and organised picture in the last few days - almost like the animals were looking in amusement and pity at their human friends struggling in the mayhem on the roads.

They have seen five monsoons, survived all the flooding episodes in the area, and are currently calmly dealing with Metro construction work in the area. The public seating areas in the under-flyover area have remained clean and dry, and have been used by hundreds of people escaping the wrath of the elements.

Arun Pai, Trustee, of India Rising Trust said that it gives him a great deal of satisfaction to see that our work has survived the flooding well. "I wish to compliment Aniruddha Abhyankar, the head designer who planned for flooding mitigation measures at the very outset - with a raised platform, gradient and level planning to account for the topography of the area, and sealing/water diversion channels from the flyover above. In addition, with support from L&T Tech Services, who adopted this flyover under CSR grants under BBMP's Adopt-a-Flyover scheme in 2019, and have demanded a high level of daily maintenance and upkeep, which are critical in mitigating such situations. It's almost like the animals seem to be the wise ones in this urban jungle. At the very least, they have stayed dry and unbothered," said Arun Pai.

India Rising Trust is managing three other under-flyover areas – Carmelaram flyover, Richmond Circle, and Bhadrappa Layout in Bengaluru as part of the Brand Bengaluru initiative, and all have stayed dry and clean through the past week.

Appreciating the people responsible for the maintenance of the under-flyover area at Veerannapalya, Saravana Raja, an auto-rickshaw driver, has said the under-flyover area is neat and clean. "I am one of the beneficiaries who relax under the flyover area in the afternoons," said Raja.

Srinath YV, who owns an eatery, has said the under-flyover area has been a great help for pedestrians and senior citizens. "I have seen many people relaxing at the under-flyover area which is clean and neat," said Srinath.

Sewage diversion channel breached again

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Following heavy rainfall on Tuesday, the sewage diversion channel along Varthur Lake has breached, again, polluting lake water. It is the second time that the sewage diversion channel, constructed by the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) to facilitate the restoration of the lake, has been breached. The sewage diversion channel was breached in October last year polluting water and causing the death of thousands of fish.

Residents of Varthur and environmentalists have demanded the BDA authorities to prevent such incidents in the future by strengthening the bund of the sewage diversion channel. They said frequent breaches of the sewage diversion channel will ruin the good work done by the BDA and pollute water in the lake.

Mixed water flowing into Varthur Lake from sewage diversion channel

"The BDA engineers have widened the sewage diversion channel but it got breached due to the heavy flow of rainwater from the city. The speed and quantity of rainwater flowing in the diversion channel indicate concretisation of Bengaluru. The flowing of mixed water (rainwater and sewage) into the lake has deteriorated the quality of water in the lake," said Jagadeeh Reddy of Varthur Rising.

A volunteer of Varthur Rising has said the absence of a monitoring committee that was supposed to be established by the State Chief Secretary on the directives of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in the Bellandur/Varthur case, is leading to significant issues on the ground. The volunteer has said that the lake rejuvenation efforts may not be fully adhering to the plan previously submitted to the NGT. "Despite significant investments, the desired outcomes have not been achieved. Additionally, untreated sewage continues to flow into stormwater drains, violating the BWSSB's commitments to the NGT. Furthermore, encroachments and buffer zone violations remain unresolved by the Minor Irrigation department and BBMP, contrary to their pledges to the NGT," they said.

They said that he wanted to request the Chief Secretary, Chief Minister, and Deputy Chief Minister to intervene and expedite the scientific rejuvenation of Varthur and Bellandur lakes and consider reinstating the monitoring committee.

Expressing concern over the non-compliance, Justice Santosh Hegde, who headed the monitoring committee constituted by the NGT, has said that he had already submitted a report on the measures to be taken to protect water bodies. "What do you expect from the elected representatives and authorities who allow the construction of buildings on storm water drains? Many water bodies have been converted into private layouts in and around Bengaluru. The authorities have no commitment to protect and preserve water bodies in the city," said Justice Hegde.

'Deathtrap' during rains

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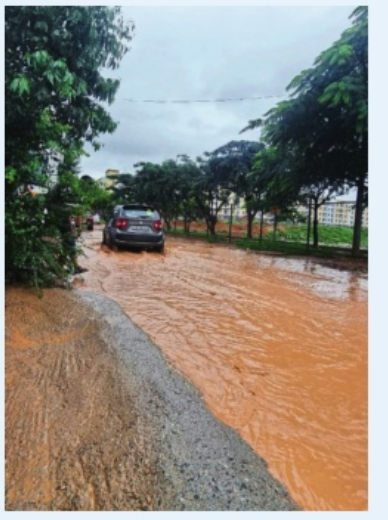
Choodasandra Village has been facing severe neglect by local government bodies for several years, leading to a deteriorating situation for its residents. Despite multiple requests and protests authorities are yet to address critical infrastructure issues such as poor roads, lack of drainage, and water supply.

Recent rains have only worsened the situation, with roads becoming flooded and unsafe. Residents have reported having a difficult time crossing the stretch, especially near the Astyleen gate, where accumulated water and large potholes have turned the area into a hazard.

"Work started but was never completed for half a section, resulting in big potholes. People can't walk during the rains as water flows and accumulates near Astyleen gate, making it a complete mess for common citizens and kids going to school every day," shared one resident.

The poor state of the roads, in particular, has become a major safety concern, with thousands of apartment dwellers and school children using this route daily. Another resident commented, "This road needs immediate attention. I have seen several accidents occur due to potholes, and I am worried that someone will be seriously injured if the roads are not repaired soon."



Road deteriorated so bad, with residents calling it "deathtrap."

During the recent downpours, the situation reached a critical point, with residents describing the road as a "deathtrap." They were scared to pass through the flooded roads. "The road was flooded, and residents couldn't access it. It was like a deathtrap, and everyone was scared to pass through it," another local added.

Despite holding protests and sending repeated reminders to the concerned authorities, no concrete action has been taken. The residents are now questioning where their taxpayer money is going and why their locality has been ignored for so long. The absence of basic amenities like water and drainage further adds to their frustration. A resident noted that the lack of a proper drainage system leads to flooding every time it rains.

Money laundering, KYC rules breach alleged

Complaint against officials of private bank for having fudged procedures to funnel money through fraudulent accounts

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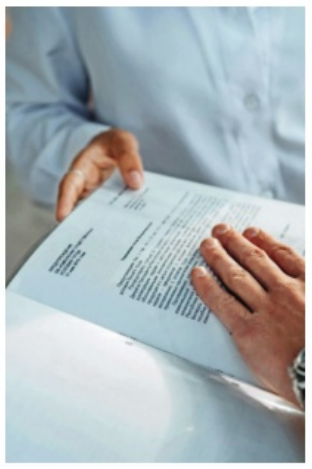
A former employee of Coffee Day Global Limited filed a complaint at the Cubbon Park police station on September 29, accusing a private bank and its officials of gross negligence and criminal misconduct, citing serious violations of RBI-mandated KYC and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) regulations. The complaint alleges that the bank officials colluded with third parties to create false documents and enable illegal transactions, underscoring major lapses in KYC and AML standards.

According to the complaint, the victim maintains a single savings account at the private bank's Chikkamagaluru branch. However, he was summoned by the Income Tax Department in February 2023 under suspicion of owing substantial tax liabilities due to transactions linked to another account that he was unaware of.

The complaint states that an alleged fraudulent account was opened in the MG Road Branch of the private bank using the victim's personal information, purportedly without his consent or knowledge.

When he became aware of this account during his interaction with the Income Tax Department, he immediately sent a legal notice to the bank. Despite his efforts, which included a complaint to the Reserve Bank of India's Ombudsman, no action was taken, compelling him to escalate the matter.



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Lapses in procedures

This complaint highlights serious lapses in KYC procedures and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) standards by the bank officials.

As per Reserve Bank of India's detailed regulations, KYC (Know Your Customer) procedures are in place to verify the identity of customers during account opening and periodically thereafter. This helps to prevent fraud, identity theft, and other financial crimes. AML standards, on the other hand, involve monitoring and reporting suspicious financial activities that could be linked to illegal activities, such as money laundering or terrorist financing.

The victim alleges that large sums of money, purportedly totalling Rs 35.56 crore, were funnelled through the fraudulent account over several years. The victim contends that these actions have not only damaged his reputation but have also resulted in significant financial and emotional distress.

Accused include bank employees

The victims in the complaint have accused the manager as well as the private bank employee, alleging that the officials colluded with third parties, creating false documents to facilitate illegal transactions.

Such actions are in direct violation of RBI regulations, specifically those governing the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, and calls for strict legal action against the responsible parties, they claimed.

The accused have been charged under section 316 (Criminal breach of trust), 318 (Cheating), 319 (Cheating by personation), 335 (Commit forgery), 336 (Forgery), 340 (Using forged documents or electronic records as genuine) and 61(1) (Criminal conspiracy) under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) act.

Food is served: 150 strays get hearty meal

As many as 10 hotels and restaurants across the city stepped up to feed nearly 150 street dogs on day one of BBMP's 'Bite free locality' campaign on Thursday.

Dogs across all eight zones of BMP were served sumptuous meals of boiled chicken, boiled egg, and rice with turmeric. Starting Friday, food from the eateries will be collected by BBMP marshals. The marshals will then hand over the food to pourakarmikas who will feed the animals.

"The hotels that participated in the initiative have agreed to feed the dogs over the coming days too. We will continue the initiative for the rest of the month to understand challenges that we face as we go along," said Sadhana Hegde, founder of Sahavarthin Animal Welfare Trust, the NGO assisting BBMP in its initiative. Street dogs were fed near Hudson Circle, Sadamangala Road and Gramadeva Temple in Hoodi, Gubbalala Main Road, Konanakunte, Subramanyapura, Vasanthapura in Bommanahalli Zone, BCMC Layout in RR Nagar, Manjunathnagar Main Road in Dasarahalli, Siddapura Ward in Guttepalya, Telecom Layout in Jakkur, and Gayatri Nagar.

The dogs will be fed daily at the designated feeding sites across all eight zones. Signboards have been put up at all feeding sites with details of food and water bowls and food delivery areas. "The initiative will be tested on a pilot basis for a month. During this time, suggestions and objections from the public and hotels will be examined. In case of any shortcomings, appropriate measures will be taken across all feeding spots," said BBMP officials.

The feeding exercise will be overseen by the pourakarmika supervisor and the zonal assistant director of BBMP's Animal Husbandry department will monitor the exercise on a daily basis to ascertain the quality and quantity of food being provided.

Dog mahotsava celebrated

The Animal Husbandry Department of BBMP also celebrated 'Dog Mahotsav' (Kukur Tihar) at selected places in the city on Thursday.

– Garima Prasher

Starting Nov 1, book train tickets 60 days in advance

The Ministry of Railways, Government of India, has announced a significant change in the advance reservation period (ARP) for train bookings, effective November 1. Passengers will now be able to book train tickets up to 60 days in advance, down from the current 120 days (excluding the date of journey).

This update aims to streamline the booking process, reduce cancellations, and improve seat utilisation. Bookings made under the current 120-day ARP before October 31, will remain valid, while cancellations will be allowed as per existing rules. However, the reservation limit of 365 days for foreign tourists under the Foreign Tourist Quota will remain unchanged.

The ARP has been adjusted several times over the years, ranging from 30 to 120 days, based on the Ministry's analysis of operational needs and passenger convenience. The new 60-day ARP has been deemed the most optimal period to meet passenger demands while minimising wastage of seats and last-minute cancellations.

The new 60-day reservation period offers several key benefits. First, it reduces wastage of seats by addressing the high number of cancellations and unused berths that occurred with the previous 120-day booking window, as passengers often changed plans or didn't show up. This change is expected to lower such instances.

Second, it improves seat utilisation, with about 21% of tickets currently being cancelled and 4-5% of passengers being no-shows. A shorter booking period ensures better seat availability for genuine travellers. Additionally, minimising fraudulent practices becomes easier with a shorter ARP, reducing the chances of ticket blocking or impersonation. The new timeframe also offers greater flexibility for passengers, encouraging bookings when travel plans are more certain. Finally, the railways will be able to operate more efficiently, forecasting demand and scheduling special trains in advance to meet passenger needs during peak seasons.

Passengers are advised to take note of these changes and plan their train journeys accordingly.

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for the Homebuyers of Unitech Group

Updation of Contact details and other particulars in Unitech's portal

1. It is informed that the new Management appointed by the Union of India, with the prior approval of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide its order dated 20.01.2020, had decided to interact with all its homebuyers only through electronic mode, since it is manually not possible to communicate with thousands of homebuyers in physical mode. Further, taking note of the fact that the contact details furnished by the Homebuyers at the time of booking of their Units may have become obsolete over the years, the Management created a facility on its website under the tab **Contact Updations** on the Homepage to enable the Homebuyers to update their contact details. Public notices have been uploaded on the website from time to time requesting the Homebuyers to update their contact details on the website.

2. The idea is to create Email Groups and WhatsApp Groups of the Homebuyers of each project so that any development can be communicated to the concerned. As such, it is critical that we have the latest Address, Email ID and the Mobile No. of the concerned Homebuyer updated in the system at all times.

3. However, it is a matter of serious concern that only 9,609 homebuyers, out of a total of 16,450, have so far updated their contact details in the system. As a result, we still have about 7,000 odd Homebuyers who are yet to update their contact details. As a result of this, it is becoming increasingly difficult to reach out to such Homebuyers. As a matter of fact, it also raises a question about the existence of any such Homebuyer.

4. Accordingly, the homebuyers are once again requested through this Public Notice to update their Contact Details and other particulars, on the Company's web-portal (https://connect.unitechgroup.com) or visit the tab under **Contact Updations** in the Company's website (https://www.unitechgroup.com) **on or before 30th November, 2024.** In case of any difficulty, they may either visit the Unitech office or contact Mr. Tanmoy Prasad, General Manager, IT Division at his email id tanmoy.prasad@unitechgroup.com

5. It is made clear that the homebuyers who still fail to update their Contact Details on or before 30th November, 2024, the Management may be left with no option but to take recourse to cancellation of allotment of their respective Residential and/ or Commercial Units without any further notice along with forfeiture of the consideration amount paid by them. In subsequence thereto, the new Management may also contemplate to initiate the due process under the provisions of the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988 and the rules made thereunder.

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for solid waste management staff, occupying most of the space on the footpath. It seems the BBMP officials have forgotten the existence of this cabin that is lying on the footpath causing inconvenience to the pedestrians. "I do not think the cabin is being used by SWM staff members, especially by women. It is better to remove it from this footpath and install it wherever it is needed. The footpath condition is too bad. I do not know why the BBMP authorities are neglecting this footpath," said Suneel S, a pedestrian.

Expressing concern over the poor condition of the footpath, Nagaraj P, another citizen, said though the footpath is not being used by many pedestrians, it is the responsibility of the BBMP to make it pedestrian friendly. "I am shocked to see that pavers are missing on the footpath. No one knows what happened to those pavers. The BBMP authorities must inspect the footpath and fix the problems without further delay," said Nagaraj, adding the road is known for having the first air-conditioned bus shelter.

Coming down heavily on the BBMP for neglecting the footpaths on Kasturba Road, Subramanya N, a pedestrian, said the officials have been busy developing the Hudson Circle by spending crores of rupees but they have no time to inspect the footpath situated a few metres away from there.

Pay & park facility forgotten

There was a pay & park facility on this stretch when the road was white topped and opened to the public. It was meant to generate some revenue for the BBMP. However, the cabins that accommodated parking ticket machines are empty and abandoned. This stretch on Kasturba Road is an ideal place for parking vehicles since it is one-way and there is ample space on the right side of the road for parking vehicles. "There is no one to collect the parking fees officially. I am not aware of what happened to the parking ticket machines," said Ramu N, a cab driver.

Concrete bases weakening avenue trees

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infiltration, experts say. Lack of water and nutrients make trees weak. Roots start to decay and these trees start to fall even during a short spell of rain, they opine.

"Avenue trees in the city are surviving in poor condition. They are concretised up till their trunk leaving no space for water or nutrients to seep into the soil. Over the last few years, various courts across the country have issued directions on keeping the area around tree trunks concrete-free. For an avenue tree to survive and flourish there should be at least a one-metre radius of concrete-free space around its base. Sadly, Bengaluru has failed to provide a conducive environment leading to an astonishing number of trees falling even at moderate wind speed," said Dr C Nagarajaiah, professor and ex-head of the Department of Forestry and Environmental Science at the University Of Agricultural Sciences (GKVK), Bengaluru.

Some opine that BBMP's Forest Department lacks skilled labour, proper equipment, and contractors to manage urban green.

"The Tree Expert Committee has failed to protect Bengaluru's green cover. We are losing trees even at low wind speeds and moderate rainfall since there is no maintenance of avenue trees either by the forest department or the horticulture department. Trees are also abused by private cable operators and BESCOM. Strict fines should be levied on offenders, whether government officials or private businesses," said Vinod Jacob, Namma Bengaluru Foundation.

Basic flaw

Experts say the number of trees falling can be reduced by providing sufficient room around their bases for adequate nutrition and water, thereby making them resistant to environmental stressors.

Lack of maintenance and unscientific pruning are some other factors causing trees to tumble and branches to fall.

"Trees in Bengaluru are affected by termites and stem borers. These infections affect the nutrition flow and drain vitality from trees. Frequent checks and timely treatments can help stabilize their condition. We also need to ensure that pruning is done scientifically. Trees should be centered (a method of pruning) where the branches are kept close to the tree's main shaft, thereby evenly distributing the load so as not to cause them to fall," said Siddharth Devaraj, who is passionate about regenerative agriculture practices and landscape design.

According to Dr Nagarajaiah, BBMP should immediately free space around trees that have been concretised during road development work.

"BBMP must deconcretise avenue trees immediately. Unless that happens, the number of trees falling will only increase with time," added Dr Nagarajaiah.

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Auction buyer has to forfeit deposit if remaining sum not paid in time

The Karnataka High Court has affirmed that when an auction purchaser fails to pay the remaining sum within the statutory timeframe prescribed under the SARFAESI Act, even after being granted an extension, the forfeiture of their earnest money deposit is a legal consequence.

This decision was made by a division bench comprising Chief Justice N V Anjaria and Justice K V Aravind while allowing an appeal filed by Canara Bank. The bench overturned a single judge bench's order from January 12, which had instructed the Bank to return the earnest money amount of Rs 3.25 crores to the respondents (original petitioners before the single judge bench).

The court stated, "In the facts of the case, no special circumstance exists which would justify the demand for return of earnest money by the petitioner. There is no unjust enrichment on the part of the Bank. When the petitioner-bidder failed to deposit the balance amount within the statutory period despite having been granted extension, the forfeiture of his earnest money deposit was a statutory consequence.". **PTI**

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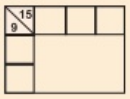
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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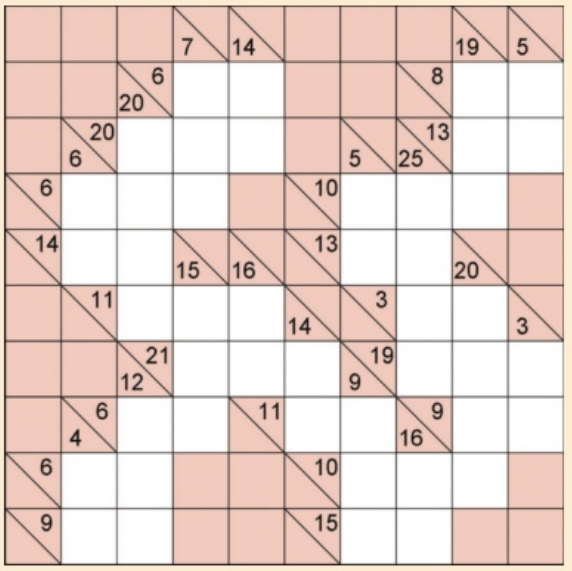

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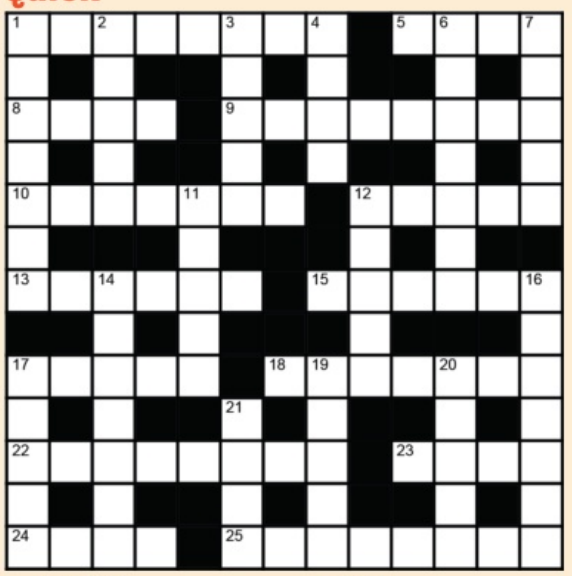


ACROSS

1 Exiles, dismisses or expels (8)
5 A long way off (4)
8 Playthings for a child or children (4)
9 Germanic (8)
10 Outlet from water main (7)
12 TV studio light (2,3)
13 Spin that coin again and call heads or tails ? (6)
15 Curry containing pork (6)
17 Make a request (5)
18 Subtle distinctions or variations (7)
22 Capital of Hawaii (8)
23 Farmyard bird (4)
24 Retail store (4)
25 Exhausts or uses up (8)

DOWN

1 Meat trader (7)
2 Condemned or denied ? (5)
3 Arrive at, as a solution (5)
4 Human spirit (4)
6 Helsinki is its capital (7)
7 Happen again (5)
11 Test ore (5)
12 City in Japan (5)
14 Gain access to or become friendly with ? (3,4)
16 Affronts (7)
17 My heart ___ for you : I feel very sorry for you ? (5)
19 Unjustly assume (5)
20 Scottish farm (5)
21 Coagulated milk (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: C EQUALS G

JIYU TYGAYFY JIRJ OBJIAOC QAGG IRNNYO TYXRSLY JIYU IRFY XGBLYZ JIYAE ZBBEL.

Linemaro

You breathe out carbon dioxide? We have so much in common!

Mindchow

The answers to life's biggest questions are not found on Google

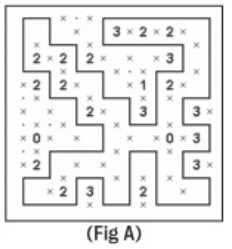
Joke of the day

I was the best man at the wedding. If I'm the best man, why is she marrying him?

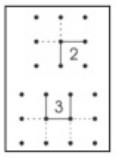
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



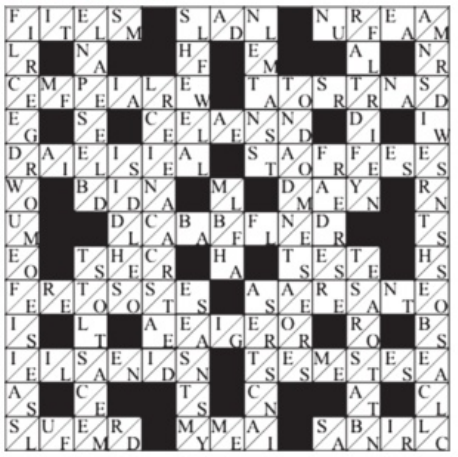
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

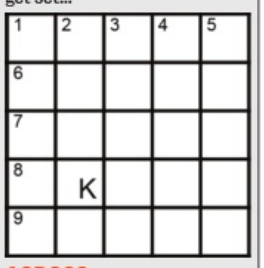
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

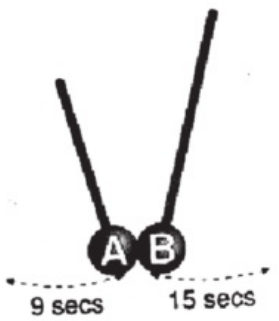
1 Trail; 6 O Hell;
7 Riles; 8 Kayos;
9 By III

DOWN

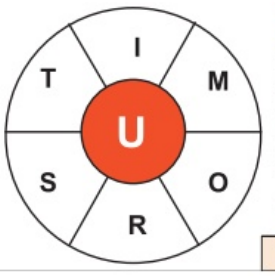
1 Broth; 2 Irk ie;
3 Leal I; 4 Ally L;
5 So sly

Mensapuzzle

These two pendulums are just touching. Pendulum A takes 9 seconds to swing to and fro, whilst Pendulum B takes 15 seconds for one cycle. Assuming the air resistance doesn't slow their motion down, how long would you have to wait to see them touch again ?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

08 Average; **09** Good; **11** Outstanding

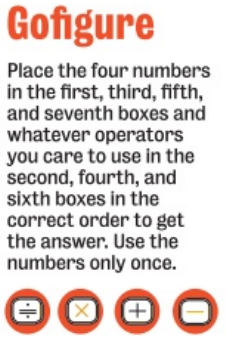
SudokuChallenge

		3				9		
	2	7	6	9			8	
4							6	
	1			8	4	7		
2			5		1			8
		8	9	6			2	
	6							2
	7			1	8	5	9	
		4				8		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 9
2 3 3 7

Medium = 39
1 6 8 9

Hard = 3
2 7 8 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

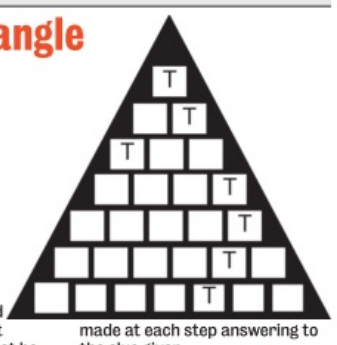
Differences: 1. Tire is not as thick. 2. Woman's hair is different. 3. Golf bag strap is longer. 4. Bush is larger. 5. Sand trap is reversed. 6. Earring is missing.

Riddler

Below are incomplete words. Place three (3) letters in each bracket so that you can complete the word on the left and begin the word on the right. Good luck. acc (_ _ _) r urg (_ _ _) ity fas (_ _ _) acity

Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 tu Brute ...
3 Golf peg
4 Red veggie
5 Henri's hat
6 Moneyback offer
7 Takes to task



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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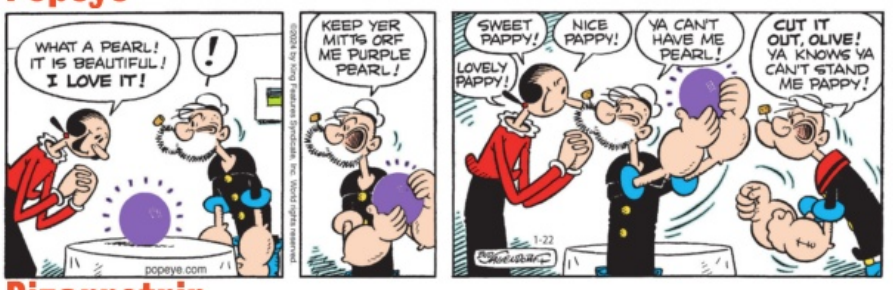
Popeye


WHAT A PEARL! IT IS BEAUTIFUL! I LOVE IT!
!
KEEP YER MITTS ORF ME PURPLE PEARL!
SWEET PAPPY!
NICE PAPPY!
YA CAN'T HAVE ME PEARL!
CUT IT OUT, OLIVE! YA KNOWS YA CAN'T STAND ME PAPPY!
LOVELY PAPPY!
popeye.com

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon; you will feel good and experience domestic harmony. You may also meet an influential person who could help you gain benefits at work. You may perform well in your job, and you may also be rewarded in terms of promotions. Disputes over inherited property may settle favourably.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You will enjoy spending time with family and friends. You may hear good news from a sibling. Creative energy may lead you to renovate your home or office. Starting a new partnership with a family member is likely to bring future benefits, and your subordinates will assist you in work projects.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, allowing you to enjoy family and professional life. Politeness will smooth your interactions, helping you complete work effortlessly. New sources of income may emerge, boosting your savings. You may also plan to renovate your home or office.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, with the positive moon's blessing, you will feel healthy and focused on your goals. Your performance at work will be excellent, and your boss will be pleased by your work. Important responsibilities may come your way. Good news could arrive regarding a legal matter, and you'll be able to control your business rivals.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Negativity may creep in today, leaving tasks incomplete and your mood unstable. Your patience will also be tested, and confusion might arise due to small mistakes. Lovebirds may feel confused about their emotions, and unrealistic expectations could affect your relationship with your spouse. You are advised to take care of your parents. Students should focus more to maintain concentration.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon; you will enjoy your work and may receive rewards for your hard efforts. Your social respect will grow. However, overworking your mind could leave you feeling tired. Due to work pressures, you may miss a family event. Parents' health issues may improve now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you will appreciate the value of intellectual assets and keep your temper under control, which will aid in smooth task execution. Financial stability is within reach, but be cautious with new investments. You may spend some time and effort on loved ones. Lovebirds will enjoy some happy moments together.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
A positive moon will help you feel happy and peaceful today. You will work efficiently, and your subordinates will cooperate in important business decisions. Starting a new venture with help from siblings and your network could bring growth to your business. Be sure to get enough rest to maintain your energy and enthusiasm.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, the positive moon brings satisfaction at work. You may plan a short work-related trip or even consider overseas travel. A visit to a religious place might help maintain inner peace. Your elders could offer valuable guidance, providing clarity about your goals.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today a negative moon may bring feelings of negativity, making your responsibilities seem like a burden. Rushing through tasks might result in silly mistakes, and your working efficiency may slow down. Projects could be delayed, and it is advised to seek professional advice before making any major decisions.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
The moon's negativity may cause you to detach from your responsibilities today. You may also overspend on unnecessary items, which could increase negativity at home or work. You are advised to keep an eye on your rivals to avoid conspiracies and carefully read any documents before signing.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You may feel dull and anxious today, so it's important to keep a calm mind. Avoid arrogance in your speech, and try to remain patient. Recovering money may not be possible today, and it's advised to avoid adventurous activities. Students should focus on their studies to achieve success.

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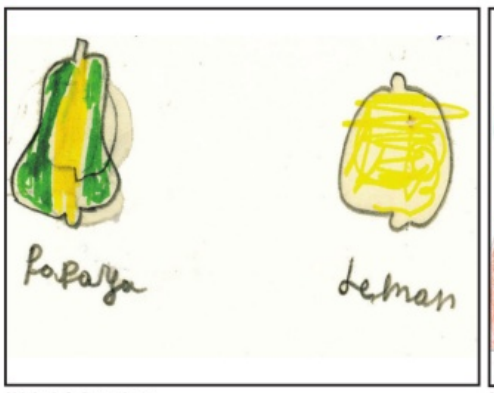

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
-4 x (4/-8) +(-8)
(-4 x -1/2) -8
2 - 8 = -6

BULL'S EYE
must, oust, rout,
rust, sour, strum,
suit, suitor, tour,
TOURISM, truism

STRIKE OUT

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
45 seconds. A will have swung 5 times, B will have swung 3.

QUOTE UNCODE
They believe that nothing will happen because they have closed their doors.

SUDOKU

6	8	3	1	4	2	9	5	7
3	7	2	4	1	8	5	9	6
8	6	1	3	5	9	4	7	2
7	4	8	9	6	3	1	2	5
2	3	9	5	7	1	6	4	8
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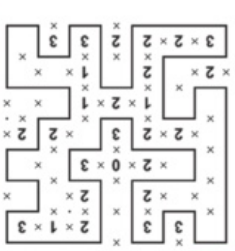
4	9	5	8	3	7	2	6	1
1	2	7	6	9	5	3	8	4
9	5	4	7	2	6	8	1	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, Et, Tee, Beet,
Beret, Rebate,
Berates.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 + 7 + 3 - 3 = 9
Medium
6 x 8 / 1 - 9 = 39
Hard
4 - 7 + 8 - 2 = 3

LOOP



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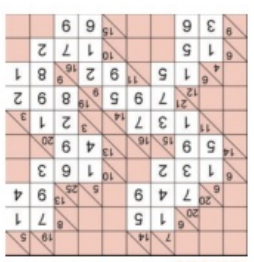

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accuse - user,
urgent - entity &
fasten - tenacity

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 # Cannes-winner in theatres

'All We Imagine As Light', Payal Kapadia's Cannes-winning title, will be released in theatres across India on November 22, the filmmaker announced on Thursday

STYLE, YOU CAN'T FAKE

Tripti says fashion is all about self-expression

Actress Tripti Dimri who has been dubbed as the National Crush is a firm believer in simplicity and comfort, especially when it comes to fashion. While it has become a norm in the movie business to experiment with your sartorial choices, the Animal actress isn't quite keen on the idea of jumping on the bandwagon of risky fashion express. "I'm not someone who would go out of my way, be uncomfortable and wear something that won't suit me. I feel comfort in something that makes you feel confident. Confidence for me is very important. My personal style is comfort, elegant, and classic," she tells us in an exclusive chat.

So, no fashion risks for the Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 actress? "I am willing to take fashion risks, but as long as they're in my comfort. I feel fashion is very personal and fashion is about self expression. If you're faking it with your clothes, people will come to know. You look uncomfortable and they'll see that you're not really feeling it. You have to feel your outfit," she replies. The actress was recently appointed as the face of the fashion brand Forever New. "The first dress that my sister gave me was this brand and it was one of my favourites," she recalls.

The actress is known for her work in Qala, Bulbbul, Laila Majnu and the recently released theatricals Vicky Vidya ka Woh Wala Video, and Bad Newwz. Earlier in an interview with Etimes Dimri spoke about her decision to become an actress, she said, "In school, I was very quiet, never wanting any attention. I would sit somewhere in the center so that teachers wouldn't see me. In fact, when I started acting, my parents were shocked. They were like, you hardly open your mouth in front of relatives and now you're going to act in front of 200 people. How are you going to do that?"

— Vinay Mishra, ETimes

Immersed in role

Hollywood star Sydney Sweeney is all set to essay the role of boxer Christy Martin in an upcoming biopic.

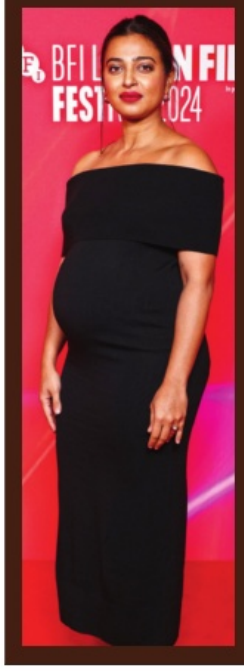
In the film, she sports a very 1990s mullet and has added some muscle to play the former athlete. The actress shared a few pictures of her avatar as the boxer in an Instagram post, reports 'Variety'.

"Well the cat's out of the bag thanks to some paps in bushes so here's a little BTS from my film I'm working on right now," Sweeney wrote on Instagram. As per 'Variety', she's starring as Martin in an untitled sports biopic, directed by David Michod, that recently started production.

Martin is a former professional boxer who competed from 1989-2012 and was the world champion in the super welterweight class in 2009. In 2010, she also survived a murder attempt by her husband, James Martin.

He stabbed Christy multiple times and shot her at their Florida home, but she survived. In 2012, James was convicted of attempted second-degree murder. —IANS

Radhika Apte's red carpet surprise



Radhika Apte left everyone surprised as she dropped pictures of herself from an event and was seen flaunting her baby bump. The actress hasn't yet announced on social media that she's expecting a baby. She casually dropped pictures from the red carpet of the UK premiere of her film 'Sister Midnight' and one sees her with a baby bump.

The actress has been married to British music composer Benedict Taylor since 2012. The couple is expecting their first child after 12 years of marriage. Radhika looked gorgeous in a black bodycon dress with a bun at the red carpet. We also cannot miss her pregnancy glow.

As Radhika dropped these pictures, fans were thrilled and showered love on her. Many celebs also reacted to this happy news. American actor and writer Sarah Megan Thomas joined said, "Omg Radhika congrats! You look stunning."

Vijay Varma wrote, "Apteeeeeee" Samantha Ruth Prabhu liked these pictures.

A user wrote, "Ah! Congrats on the premiere and your pregnancy! You are magnificent on the red carpet!" Another person said, "Omg!!! She's pregnant, how exciting! "

—ETimes

Why is Parineeti looking for 'job' at airport?

Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra recently gave her fans a good laugh with a playful remark about her frequent travels.

Of late, the actress has been jet-setting to various destinations, both for work and leisure. Recently, she was in Turkey with husband Raghav Chadha for a close friend's wedding.

The 'Kesari' star has been sharing glimpses from the wedding on her Instagram handle. On Thursday, Parineeti took to her Instagram story and shared a note, jokingly asking someone to get her a job at an airport. Her note read, "Last 12 days worth of flights- Bombay, Abu Dhabi, Washington, DC, Virginia Beach, DC ,Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Istanbul, Bodrum, Istanbul, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Bombay, Delhi Someone get me a job at an airport".

Her post clearly indicates that Parineeti has been travelling extensively over the past few days.

Chopra also posted a video from the car where she is seen winking at the camera. Just days before her trip to Turkey, Parineeti celebrated her first wedding anniversary with Raghav Chadha in the Maldives. The couple appeared happy and relaxed, enjoying moments like cycling on the beach and walking hand-in-hand. Parineeti and Raghav tied the knot on September 24, 2023, at the Leela Palace in Udaipur. —IANS

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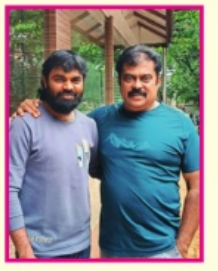
Agrarian issues

Producer Ravi Nagpure from Maharashtra is making arrangements to release Jai Kisan, the dubbed version of Marathi movie Kaasra that was released in May 2024. Encouraged by its success in Maharashtra, Nagpure has dubbed it in Kannada and will release it on November 7 across Karnataka. Jai Kisan is about agrarian problems.

Nagaraj of Vijayapura has bought the distribution rights of the movie. "Nagpure has written the script for the movie. I convinced him to dub it in Kannada as its script relates to farmers in Karnataka," said Nagaraj.

A presser was organised at Renukamba Preview Theater on Tuesday. Explaining why he bankrolled the movie, Nagpure said that he hails from a farmer's family. "As a son of a farmer, I am aware of the problems of farmers. There are some villages where farmers find it tough to find brides. Jai Kisan highlights the importance of agriculture and encourages youth to take up farming," he said.

Long-pending dream



Smile Seenu, known for helming mass and class movies, is excited about the opportunity to join hands with producer K Manju to make a pan-Indian movie. Seenu has handled the megaphone for the films Toofan, Bellary Darbar, 18 to 25, Oh My Love. K Manju has bankrolled more than 40 Kannada movies including Rajahuli, Rama Shama Bhama, Jamindaru, Hrudayavanta, and Maathaad Maathaadu Mallige. He has also introduced his son Shreya as a hero.

The news of Smile Seenu joining hands with Manju has created a buzz in Gandhinagar, the hub of the Kannada film industry. "We have been waiting for this opportunity. It is our long-pending dream. I am very happy to join hands with producer Manju. We have decided to make this movie after a detailed discussion. The movie is based on the life story of a prominent personality. As of now, I am busy with the script. I will reveal the name of the personality and the details of the cast and crew in the near future," said Smile Seenu.

He said the tie-up with Manju would help him to market his latest movie. "I consider Manju joining hands with me as my fortune," he said.